

Appl. No. : 09/643,636
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REMARKS

The foregoing amendments and the following remarks are responsive to the April 19, 2004 Final Office Action in view of the July 22, 2004 Advisory Action.

Status of the Claims

Claims 1–7, 9–17, 22 and 24–29 were pending in this application. Claims 1–7, 9–17, 22 and 24–28 are canceled herein without prejudice to the further prosecution of the canceled claims in a continuation application. Thus, only Claim 29 remains in this application.

Claim 29 was allowed by the Examiner in the April 18, 2004 Final Office Action.

Since only allowed Claim 29 remains pending, this application is now in condition for allowance, and Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to issue a *Notice of Allowability* and a *Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due*.

Fee for Extension of Time Included

Applicants are including the fee for a one-month extension of time from the mailing date of the July 22, 2004 mailing date of the Advisory Action.

Request for Telephone Interview to Resolve Any Remaining Issues

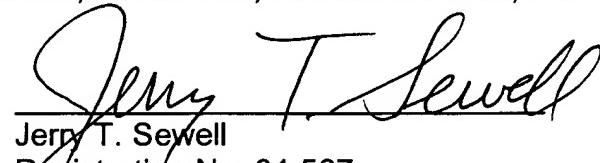
Applicants respectfully submit that the present application is in condition for prompt allowance. If further issues remain to be resolved after consideration of this paper, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to call Applicants' undersigned attorney of record at 949-721-2849 or at the general office number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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